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TO USMISSION GENEVA IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY PANAMA

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SUBJECT: UNCTAD GSP PROJECT MISSION TO CENTRAL AMERICA

REF: GENEVA 1827

1. U.S. CUSTOMS OFFICER FERNANDO MACIAS WILL PARTICIPATE
IN UNCTAD MISSION TO CENTRAL AMERICA ON GSP. EMBASSIES
ARE REQUESTED TO REPORT ON UNCTAD SEMINARS WITH PARTICULAR
EMPHASIS ON EFFECTIVENESS IN PROVIDING PRACTICAL INFORMA-
TION ON GSP AND ANY SUGGESTIONS WHICH MIGHT BE OF VALUE
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IN ANY SEMINAR EFFORTS IN OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES.

2. ACTION GENEVA: PLEASE INFORM CUBILLOS RE MACIAS PARTICIPATION. WHILE MACIAS HOPES TO ARRIVE PANAMA IN TIME FOR MARCH 14 PRELIMINARY MEETING, SCHEDULING PROBLEMS MAY DELAY ARRIVAL UNTIL EVENING OF MARCH 14. HE WILL CONTACT CUBILLOS ON ARRIVAL.

3. ACTION PANAMA: MACIAS MAY NEED EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING VISAS FOR OTHER COUNTRIES ON ITINERARY. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO PROVIDE SUCH ASSISTANCE IF NEEDED.

4. ACTION GUATEMALA: MACIAS HAS INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO STOP IN GUATEMALA APRIL 8-9 FOR GSP DISCUSSIONS ON

BILATERAL BASIS OF TECHNICAL REGULATIONS. WE REALIZE THAT SHORT ADVANCE NOTICE MAY BE AN OBSTACLE. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF FUNDING LIMITATIONS, WE WOULD SUGGEST EMBASSY CONSULT WITH GUATEXPRO TO MAKE APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS IF AT ALL POSSIBLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF MACIAS PRESENCE IN THE AREA. PLEASE ADVISE MACIAS AT APPROPRIATE STOP ON ITINERARY. PREVIOUS CABLES ON THIS SUBJECT BEING REPEATED TO GUATEMALA AS REQUESTED. INGERSOLL

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